accommodation w.e.f. 24-02-2006. The salient features of the scheme are given below:-

(i) The scheme is applicable to only full fare paying passengers, free of charge.

(ii) It is applicable only in those trains having sleeping accommodation.

(iii) The passengers for upgradation will be selected on random basis by the System at the time of preparation of reservation charts.

(iv) Upgradation of passenger will be done as under:-

Sleeper to 3AC or First Class

3 AC to 2 AC

2AC to 1 AC

(v) Upgradation will not be done for block booking transactions.

(vi) Upgradation will be done only to the extent of clearance of the combined waiting list of all classes. If there is no waiting list, no upgradationg will take place.

(vii) If a passenger, who has been upgraded, cancels his ticket, cancellation charges of the original call only will be payable.

Sakari-Nirmali and Jhanjharpur-Laukaha Rail Line

†701. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount required for gauge conversion from narrow to broad one from Sakari to Jhanjharpur, Jhanjharpur to Nirmali and from Jhanjharpur to Laukaha is to be provided by Ministry of Defence;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the then Minister of Defence had laid the foundation stone of gauge conversion at Jhanjharpur in early 2004;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the work of gauge conversion could not commence as the required amount was not provided by the Ministry, so far; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Railways have been requesting Ministry of Defence to deposit funds for the project for taking up the work, but so far no funds have been provided.

Model Stations in Maharashtra and Punjab

702. SHR DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan to give model look to some of the stations in the State of Maharashtra and Punjab under the Tenth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) what amount has, so far, been allocated/spent for this purpose and the number of stations made as model stations, till date; and

(d) what amount likely to be earmarked during the year 2006-07 as compared to 2005-06 in respect of each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) With a view to provide upgraded passenger amenities the following stations in the State of Maharashtra and Punjab have been nominated as model stations:

State	Name of the stations
Maharashtra	Akola Jn., Bandra Terminus, Bhusaval, Chandrapur, Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Terminus (Kolhapur), Dadar, Dharangaon, Jalgaon, Kalyan, Lokmanya Tilak Terminus, Malkapur, Mumbai CST, Mumbai Central, Nagpur, Nanded, Nasik Road, Pune, Solapur, Thane and Wardha.
Punjab	Amritsar, Anandpur Sahib, Beas, Bhatinda, Dhuri Jn., Firozpur, Jullundur City, Ludhiana, Pathankot and Patiala.